

(c) whether large scale misutilisation of grants/financial irregularities have been committed by NGOs;

(d) if so, whether the Government have received complaints of irregularities and maladministration by Yoga Institutes in Maharashtra; the details thereof and the present status of action taken against the culprits; and

(e) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen the monitoring mechanism on proper utilisation of funds by the NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) and (b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Promotion of Yoga in Schools was started in 1989-90. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs as well as the Yoga Institutes of repute for training of teachers in yoga and for building infrastructure for the purpose. This includes TA/DA to teacher trainees, upgradation of library facilities and construction/expansion of hostels for teacher trainees. Details regarding financial assistance provided under this scheme to various Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Maharashtra during the last 3 years, institution-wise is given in the statement attached. Budgetary allocation for the scheme during 1996-97 was Rs. 60.00 lakhs under Plan and Rs. 30.00 lakhs under Non-Plan.

(c) and (d) Certain complaints were received with regard to the Kaivalyadhama S.M.Y.M. Samiti, Lonavla, Pune to look into the functioning of the Institute. A Joint Assessment Team of the Central and the State Governments of Maharashtra visited the Institute on 26-27, April, 1996. The administrative/procedural deficiencies noticed were brought to the notice of the Institute for rectification in a time-bound manner.

(e) The proposals of NGOs received with the recommendations of the concerned State Government/UT Administration are considered by a Grants-in-Aid Committee and grants are released in instalments based on the progress reports and the utilisation position furnished by the Organisation.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Institution	Plan		
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	The Yoga Institute, Santa Cruz, Mumbai	—	—	2.36
2.	Shree Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal, Amravati.	3.70	—	—

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Arogaya Seva Mandal, Mukhed, Nanded	0.98	—	—
4.	Yoga Vidyadham, Dhule.	3.70	2.50	—
5.	Kaivalyadhama SMYM Samiti, LONAVLA (Pune)	5.00	—	—
		32.67 (NP)	20.00 (NP)	30.00 (NP)

(NP) : Non-Plan

Condition of National Museum

850. SHRI K.P. NAIDU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stone sculptures of the Pallava dynasty are lying amidst rubble in the garden in the National Museum;

(b) if so, the reasons for such negligence; and

(c) the steps taken against those found responsible for bad management of the museum?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMALI) : (a) No, Sir. These sculptures are being re-installed in the garden with brick pedestals.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Allocation by UGC

851. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by the University Grants Commission to different Universities and colleges of Rajasthan, Punjab, Delhi and Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) whether the amount of grants is continuously being reduced;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to raise the standard of higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Improvement of Standard of Education

852. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether teachers are getting more involved in political activities than imparting education to the students in schools and colleges; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to stop this trend and to improve the standard of education in schools, colleges and universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) There is no empirical evidence that teachers are getting more involved in political activities.

(b) Does not arise.

Petrol and Diesel Outlets in Orissa

853. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol and diesel retail outlets functioning in Orissa at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to sanction some new petrol and diesel retail outlets for Orissa during 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the places where these are proposed to be located?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) As on 1.4.1997, 354 retail outlets were in operation in Orissa.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Industry Marketing Plan for new retail outlets is under consideration of the Government.

New Shipping Policy

854. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to newstems captioned "New Shipping Policy expected in a month" and "Shipping industry faces choppy times" appeared in the *Times of India* dated July 4, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the policy and the time by which it is likely to be announced and implemented; and

(d) to what extent it is likely to mitigate the problems of shipping industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General of Shipping to recommend to the Government a National Shipping Policy on the issues raised by the shipping industry. The Committee is likely to submit its report by end July, 1997.

Accommodation of Bigger Vessels at Paradeep Port

855. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to deepen the draft of the Paradeep Port to accommodate bigger vessels has been pending since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether any International company has taken interest in this assignment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Flood Control-cum-Power Projects

856. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of Flood Control-cum-Power Projects prepared by Brahamaputra Board since its formation and expenditure incurred in such projects preparation;

(b) the present status of those projects including Subansiri, Dehang, Dibang and Tipaimukh;